

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 EC BRU 08293 261110Z

11
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07

FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 CIEP-01 SP-02 STR-04 TRSE-00

LAB-04 SIL-01 SAM-01 OMB-01 AGR-05 SSO-00 INRE-00

/055 W

----- 000401

O R 261037Z AUG 76
FM USMISSION EC BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1745
INFO ALL EC CAPITALS 2429

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE EC BRUSSELS 08293

PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, EEC, ETRD
SUBJECT: U.S. EXEMPTION FROM EC WINE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

REF: EC BRUSSELS 8162

1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL GOURDON (DG VI) TOLD US THAT HE RAISED WITH THE WINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AUGUST 26 THE PROBLEM OF THE 2 LITER OR LESS REQUIREMENT FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE EC WINE CERTIFICATE AND ANALYSIS REPORT. HE SAID THAT THE MEMBER STATE EXPERTS WHO NORMALLY ATTEND THESE MEETINGS WERE NOT PRESENT BUT RATHER THEIR ALTERNATES, DUE TO THE HOLIDAY PERIOD. AS A CONSEQUENCE, LITTLE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THE MATTER. HOWEVER, GOURDON EXPLAINS THAT NOW THAT THE MEMBER STATES HAVE BEEN INFORMED, THE WAY IS OPEN FOR THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE A DECISION TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE IN 2 WEEKS' TIME. HE EXPECTS AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION THEN TO ACCOMMODATE U.S. TRADE INTERESTS.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, GOURDON WILL BE DOUBLECHECKING WITH EC
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 EC BRU 08293 261110Z

LEGAL EXPERTS TO MAKE SURE THAT ARTICLE 4 OF EC COUNCIL

REGULATION NO. 1848/76 GIVES THE COMMISSION THE AUTHORITY TO RAISE THE BOTTLE SIZE LIMITATION ON THE EXEMPTION AS A TRANSITIONAL MEASURE. HE ALSO WANTS TO BE CERTAIN THAT WHATEVER BOTTLE SIZE EXTENSION IS AGREED ON WILL MEET U.S. INTERESTS. GOURDON PROPOSES TO HAV THE COMMISSION (VIA ITS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROCEDURE) AMEND THE EXEMPTION TO INCLUDE WINE IN CONTAINERS OF 4 REPEAT 4 LITERS OR LESS. THIS WOULD TAKE CARE OF ANY U.S. TRADE DONE IN GALLON CONTAINERS (1 GALLON EQUALS 3.79 LITERS).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE NEED TO KNOW FROM WASHINGTON BEFORE THE NEXT WINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WHETHER THE PROPOSED EXEMPTION EXTENSION TO COVER 4 LITERS OR LESS WOULD MEET U.S. NEEDS. HINTON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EXPORTS, LABELING, WINES, TAX RELIEF, COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976ECBRU08293
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760325-1294
From: EC BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760818/aaaaaoxu.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 EC BRUSSELS 8162
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 APR 2004 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <12 AUG 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: U.S. EXEMPTION FROM EC WINE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, US, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006